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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 3,534,520 issued to Moran on October 20, 1970;
- B. U.S. Patent No. 3,545,166 issued to Johnson et al. on December 8, 1970;
- C. International Publication No. WO 99/44892 published by WIPO on September 10, 1999;
- D. U.S. Patent No. 3,855,907 issued to Johnson et al. on December 24, 1974;
- E. U.S. Patent No. 5,862,653 issued to Solano on January 26, 1999;
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 56-113522 published on September 7, 1981 by the Japanese Patent Office; and
- G. Patent Abstracts of Japan 2002-036392 of February 5, 2002, published by the European Patent Office.

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The above-listed prior arts A through G are all cited in the European Search Report completed on April 8, 2005, to the EPC Application No. EP 04 00 3484 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. Though the above prior art F is not in the English language, the Search Report is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of D's and A's along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for this non-English language prior art is satisfied and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. An entire copy of the Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. JP 2002-036392, corresponding to prior art G, is enclosed.

The prior art E, which is in English, and prior arts F and G, are cited in the specification of the above-identified U.S. application, and a concise explanation of the relevance of each of these prior arts is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

In addition, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 (c)(2), our check for \$180.00 to cover the required fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant arts and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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	3,534,520	10/20/1970	Moran	B65B	43/04	10/28/1966	
	3,545,166	12/8/1970	Johnson et al.	B65B	43/04	12/8/1967	
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